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## THE HEDGEHOG

CRISIS CITY,  
PART ONE!



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# STORY SO FAR...

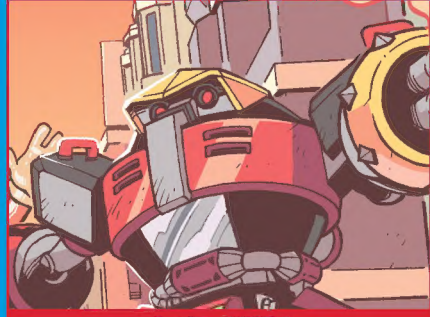
Dr. Eggman has returned with one of his most sinister plots yet: the Metal Virus! The Metal Virus infects living organic matter and turns it into zombie-like robots (Zombots) that can infect others and that respond only to Eggman's command. As the Metal Virus spreads, cities and heroes—including Sonic himself—are infected. With Sonic's allies falling victim to the virus and Sonic's need to always be on the move to stave off the infection, the Restoration turns to their allies Rouge, Shadow, and Omega to save Sunset City...





**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

The Blue Blur.  
Fastest thing alive.



**E-123 OMEGA**

Rogue Super Badnik.  
Robot hunter.



**ROUGE THE BAT**

Treasure-hunting Spy.  
Restoration ally.



**SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG**

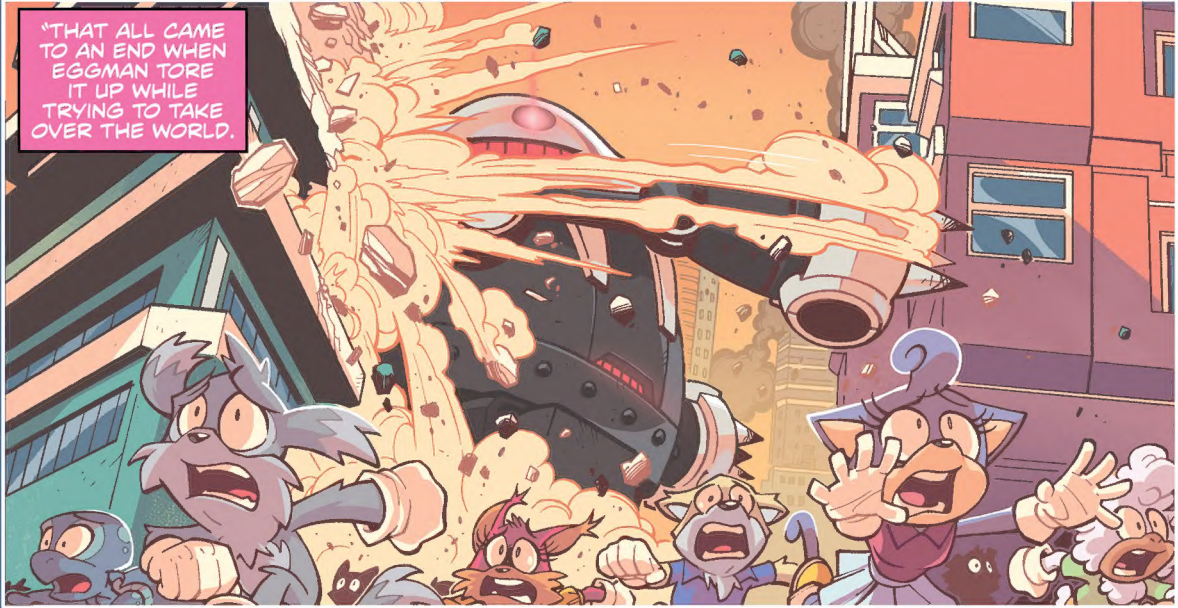
The Ultimate Lifeform.  
Sonic's grim rival.





"SONIC! WE NEED YOU  
IN SUNSET CITY."

"IT USED TO BE A  
MAJOR MERCHANT  
HUB. DAZZLING  
JEWEL MARKETS."



"THAT ALL CAME  
TO AN END WHEN  
EGGMAN TORE  
IT UP WHILE  
TRYING TO TAKE  
OVER THE WORLD."



"BUT ITS CITIZENS  
STAYED STRONG."

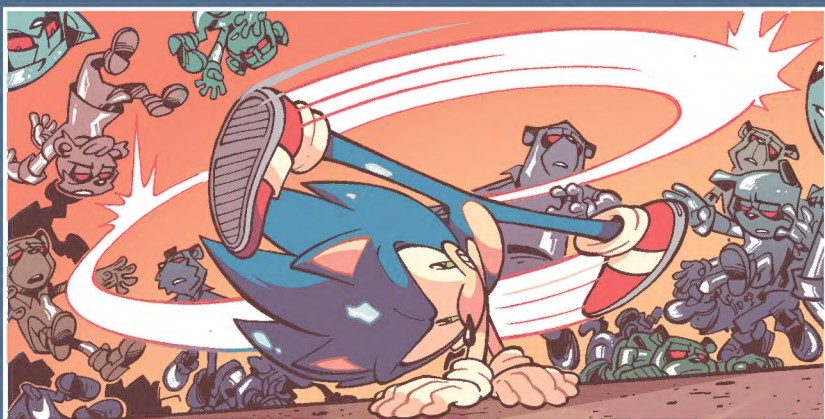
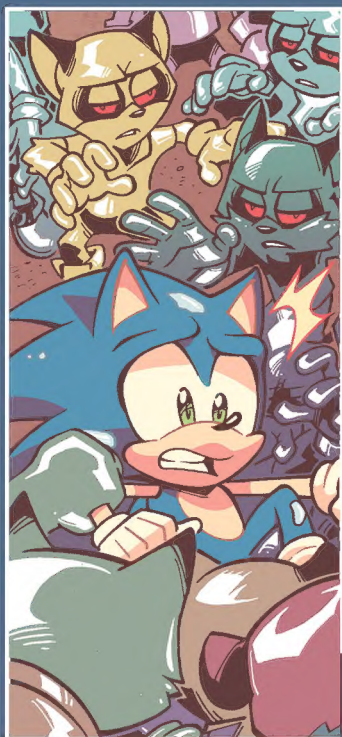
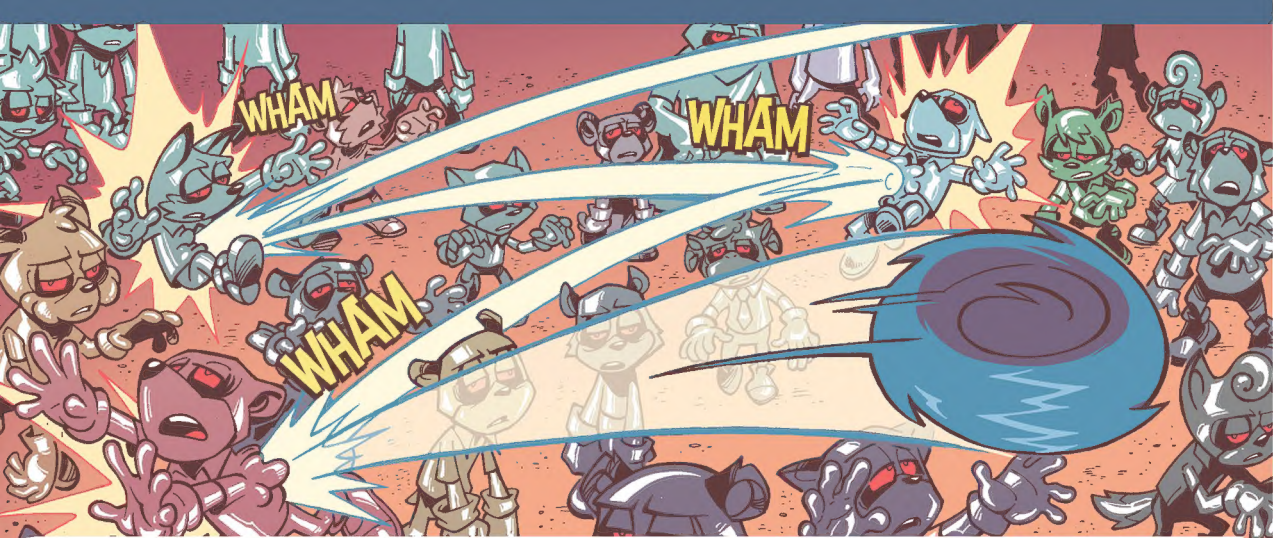
"AFTER EGGMAN'S DEFEAT,  
AND WITH THE HELP OF  
THE RESTORATION, THEY  
BEGAN TO REBUILD."



"BUT EGGMAN  
RETURNED, AND WITH HIS  
METAL VIRUS UNLEASHED,  
SUNSET CITY MAY BE  
DOOMED."

"AND JUST WHEN I WAS  
PLANNING ON HELPING  
MYSELF TO SOME  
FIVE-FINGER DISCOUNTS.  
OH, WELL. ROUGE OUT."

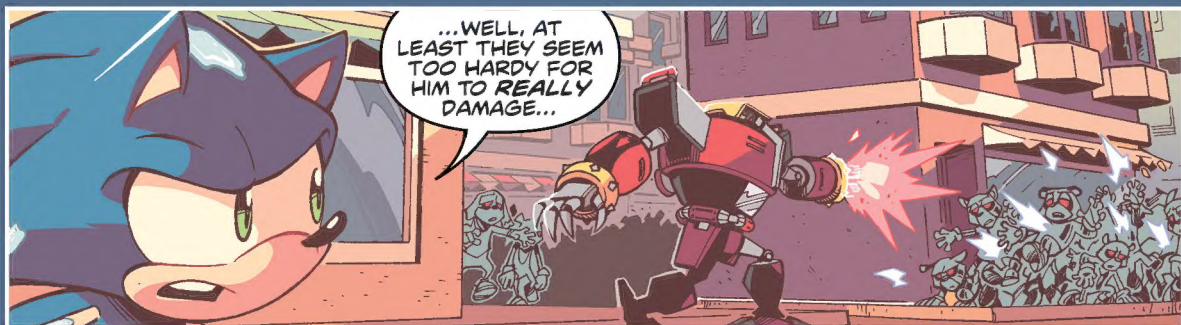
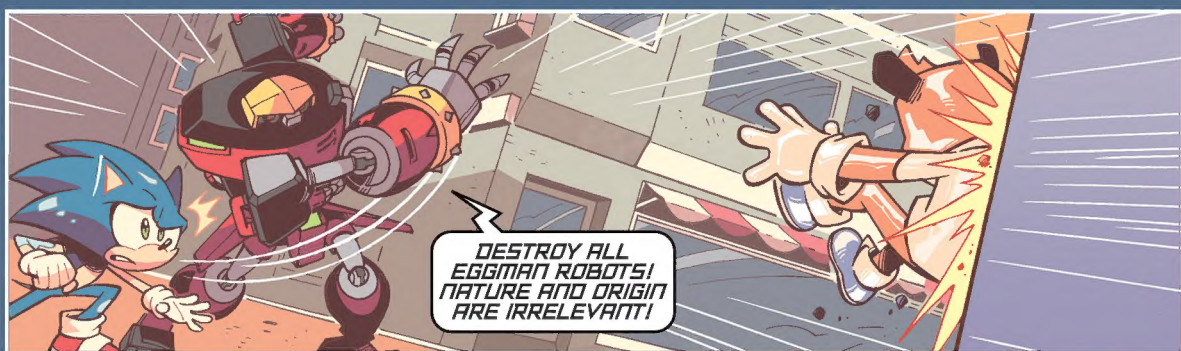
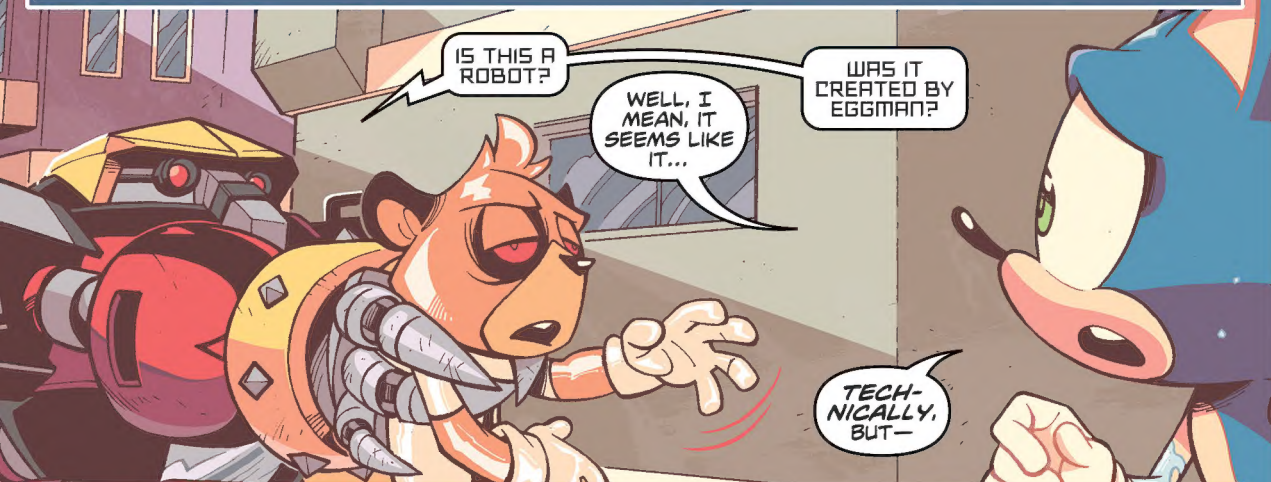
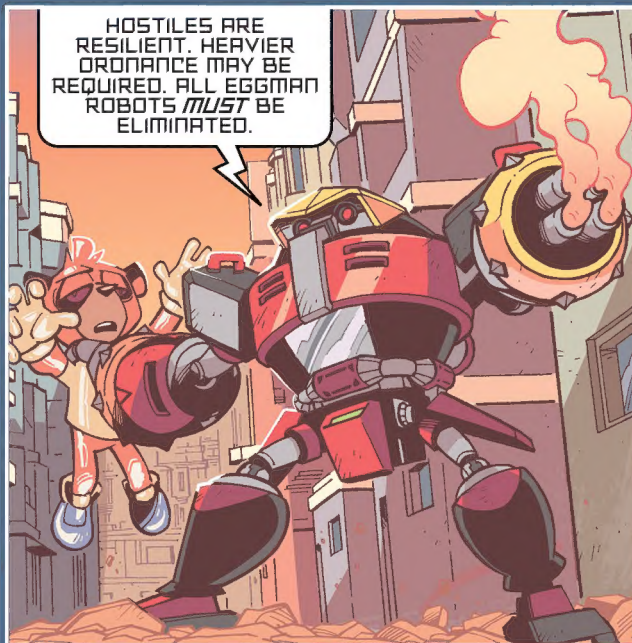
















HEY, BLUE!

ROUGE!

SEND EVERYONE TO THE GRAND GOLD FLICKY HOTEL! WE'RE ORGANIZING SURVIVORS THERE!

GOT IT!



STEP LIVELY, FOLKS!

HEAD FOR THE BIG HOTEL AT THE END OF THE BLOCK!



DO WE HAVE TIME TO THANK THAT ROBOT FOR SAVING US?

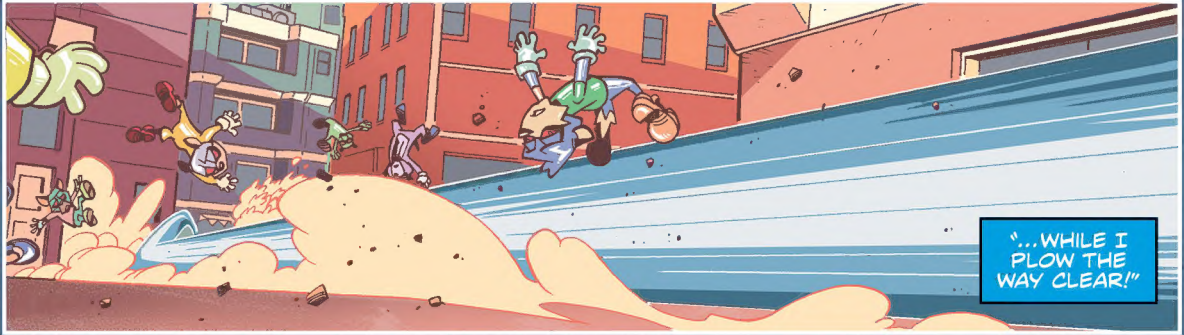


EXTERMINATE! EXTERMINATE!



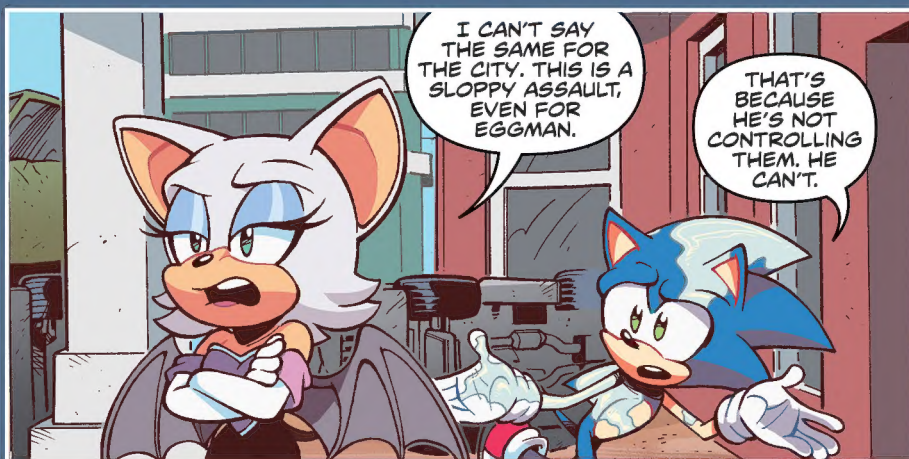
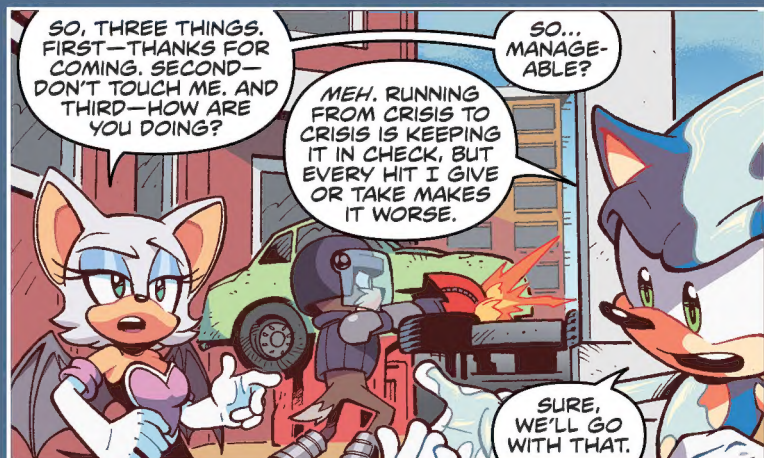
HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY WHO DOESN'T NEED THANKS.

NOW, EVERYONE GO STRAIGHT TO THE HOTEL...

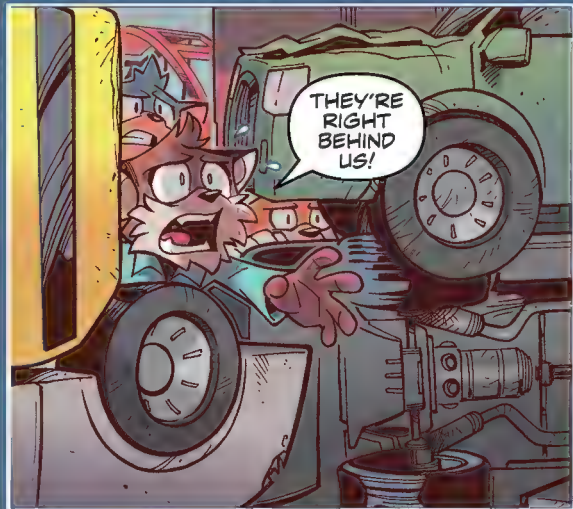
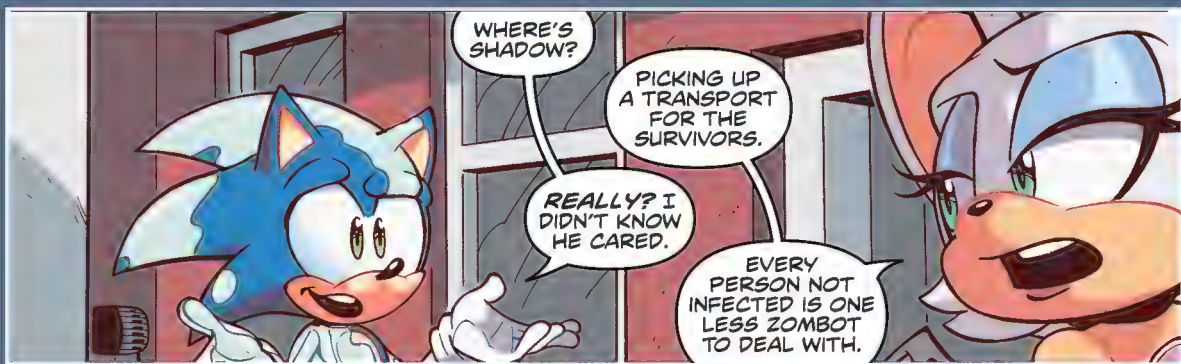


"...WHILE I PLOW THE WAY CLEAR!"

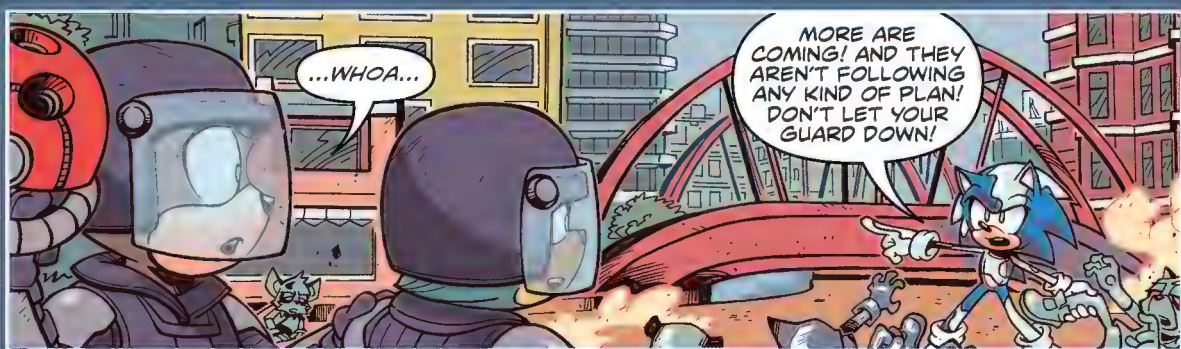
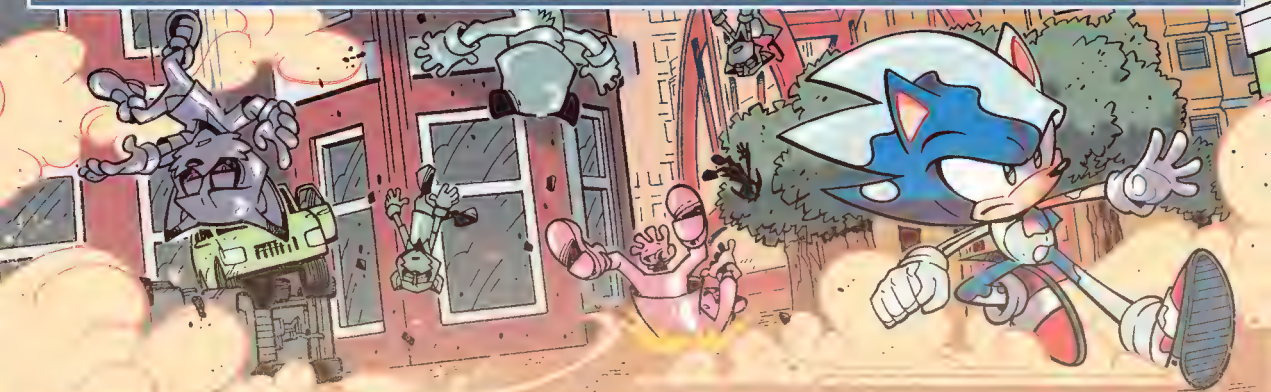
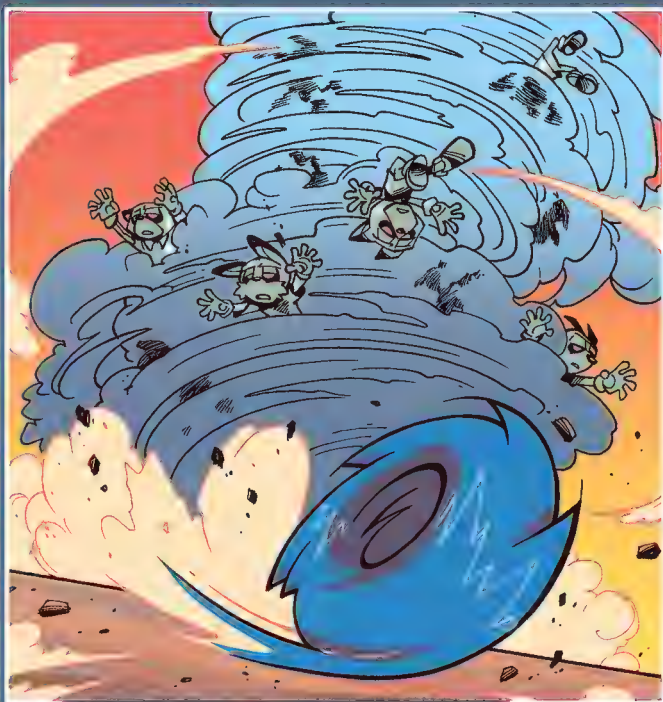




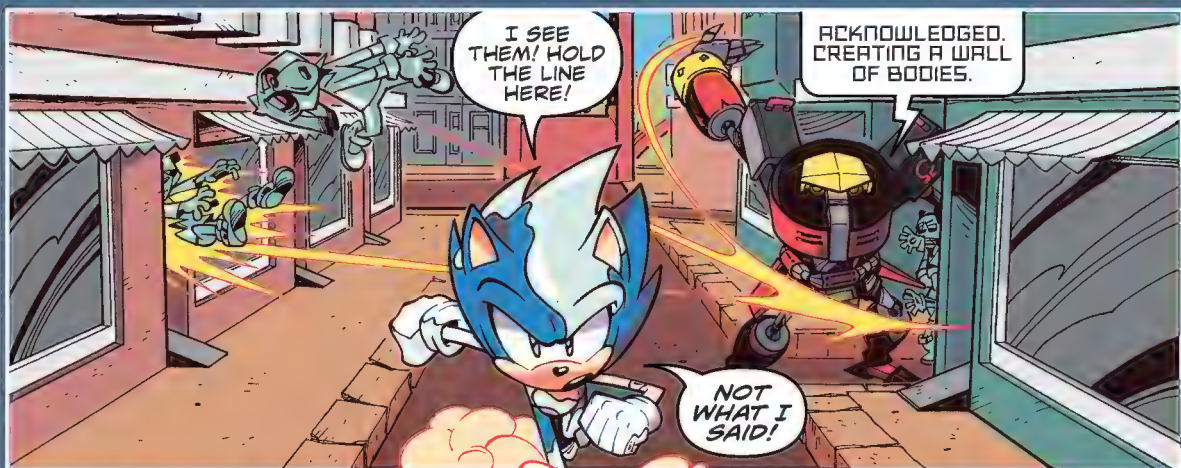
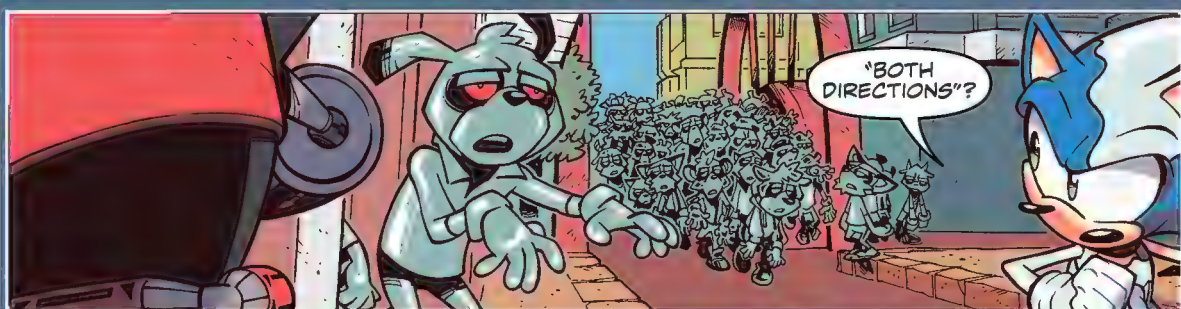
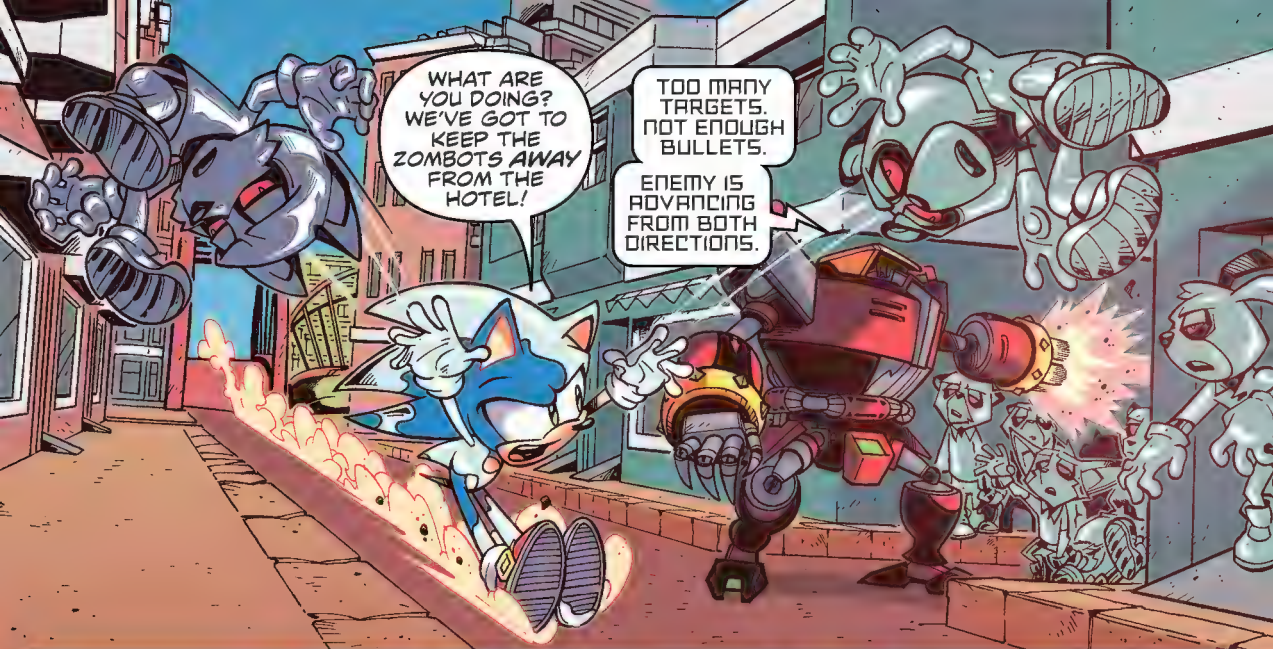




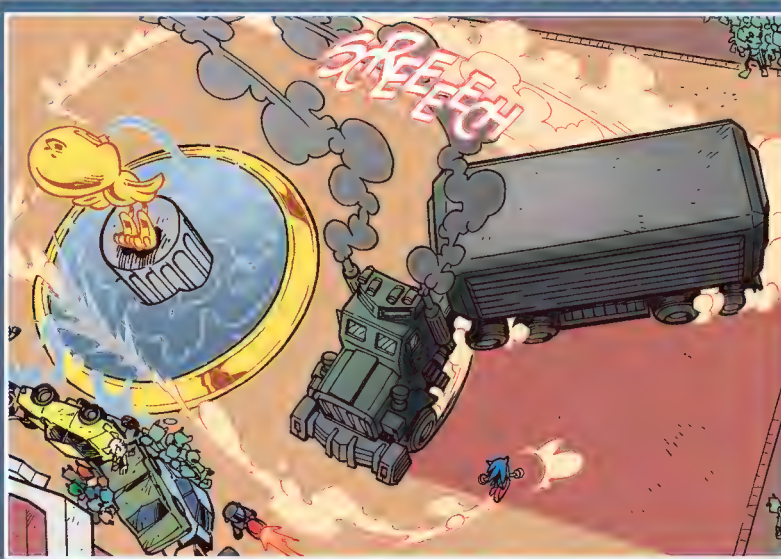
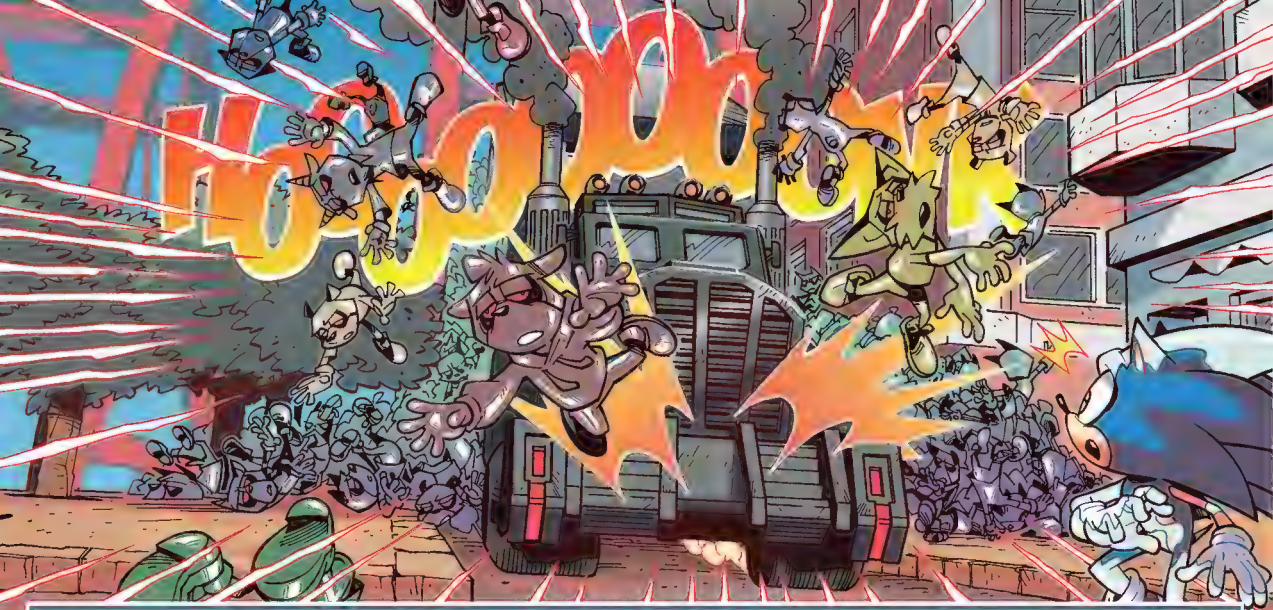




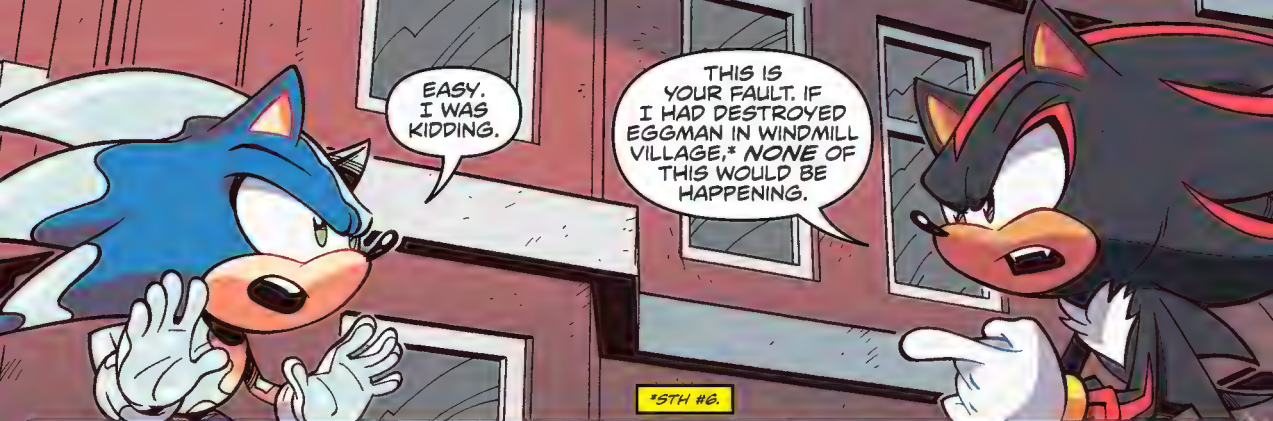




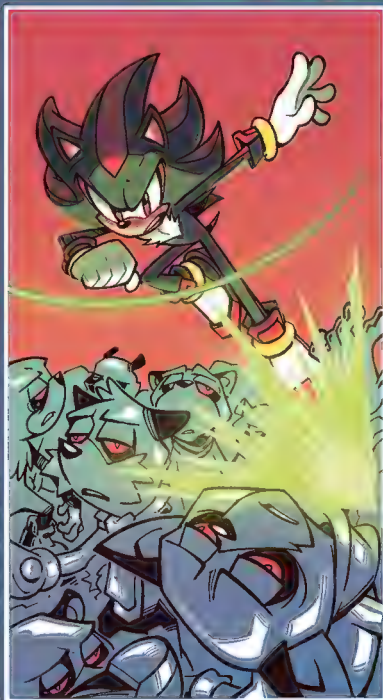
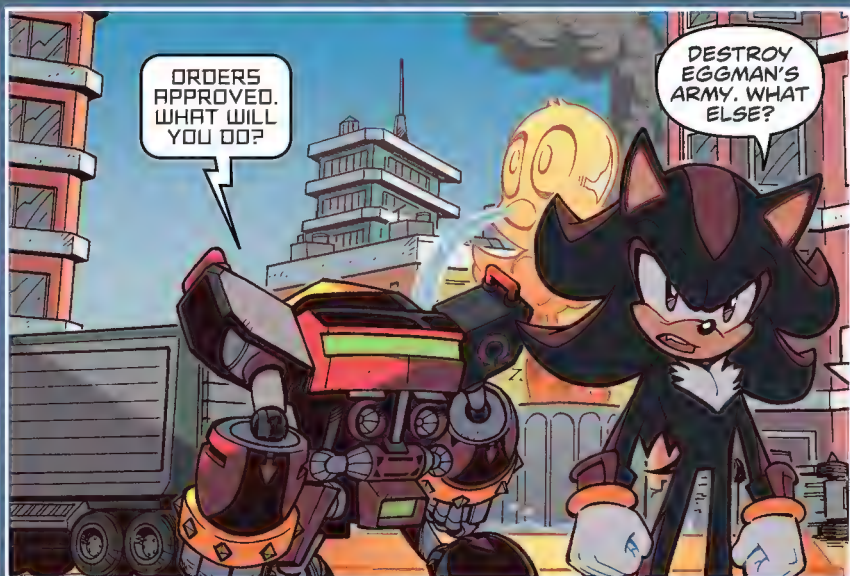
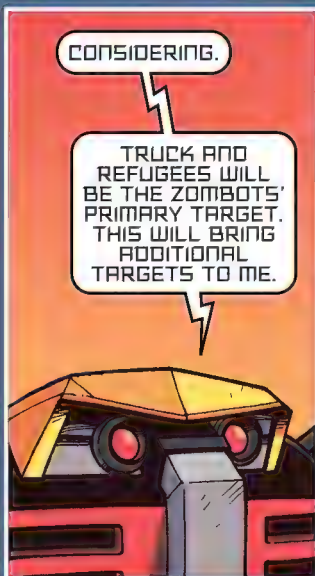




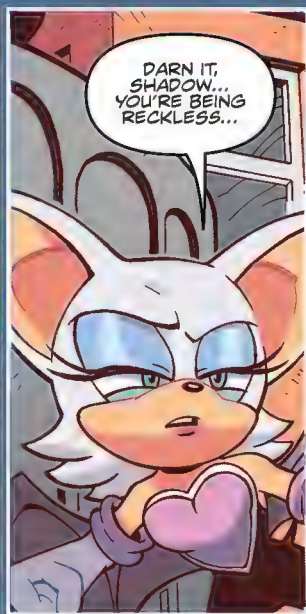
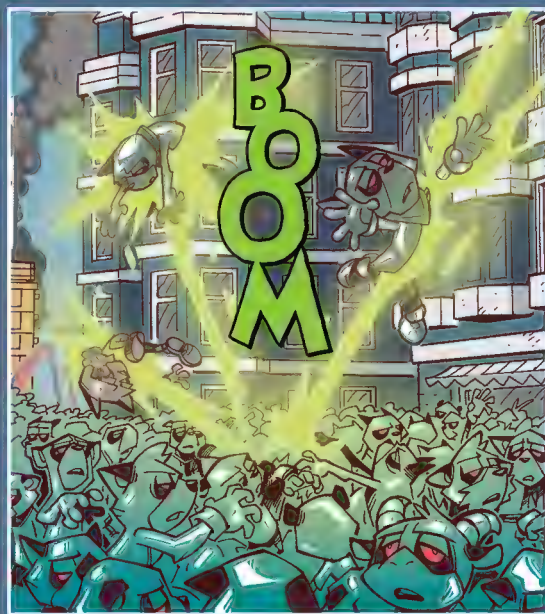
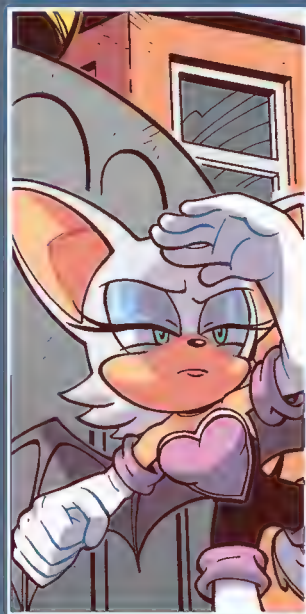
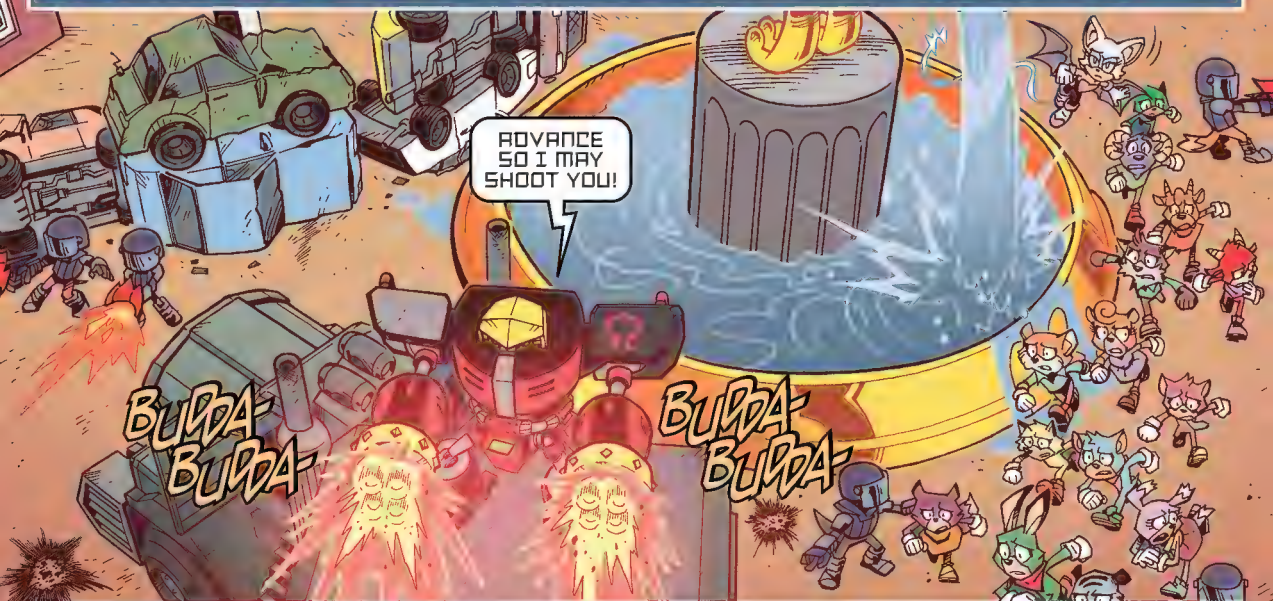




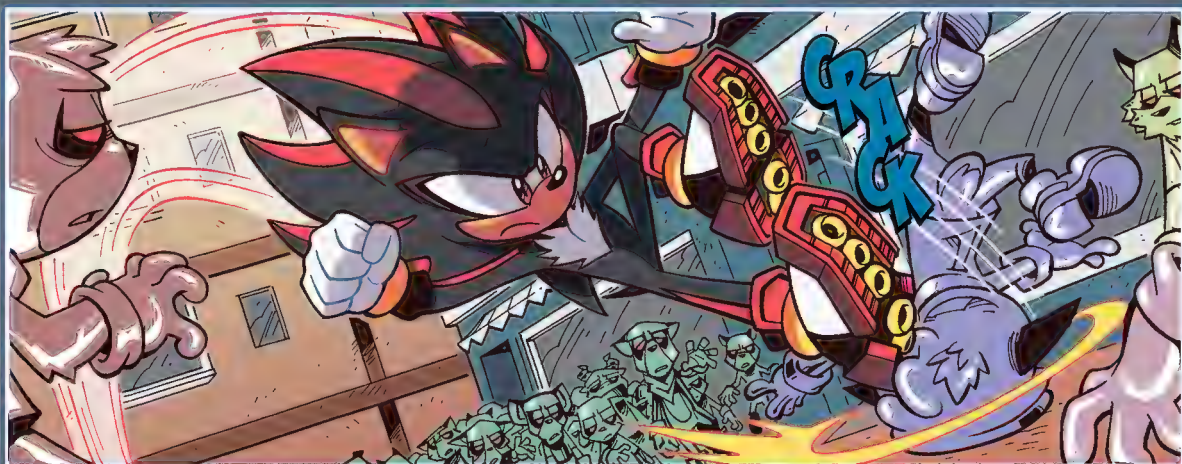




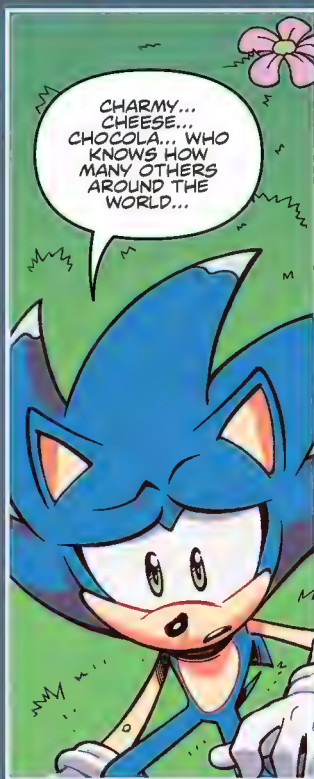
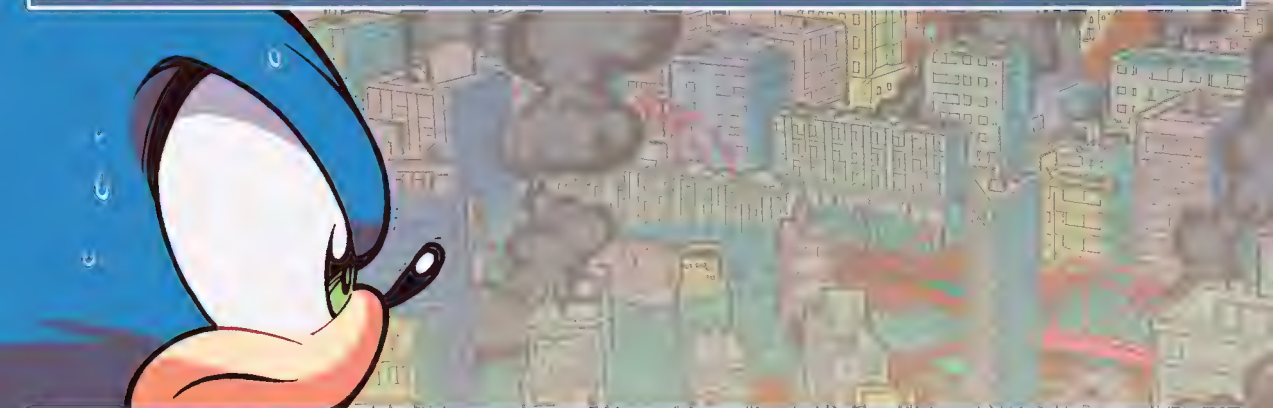












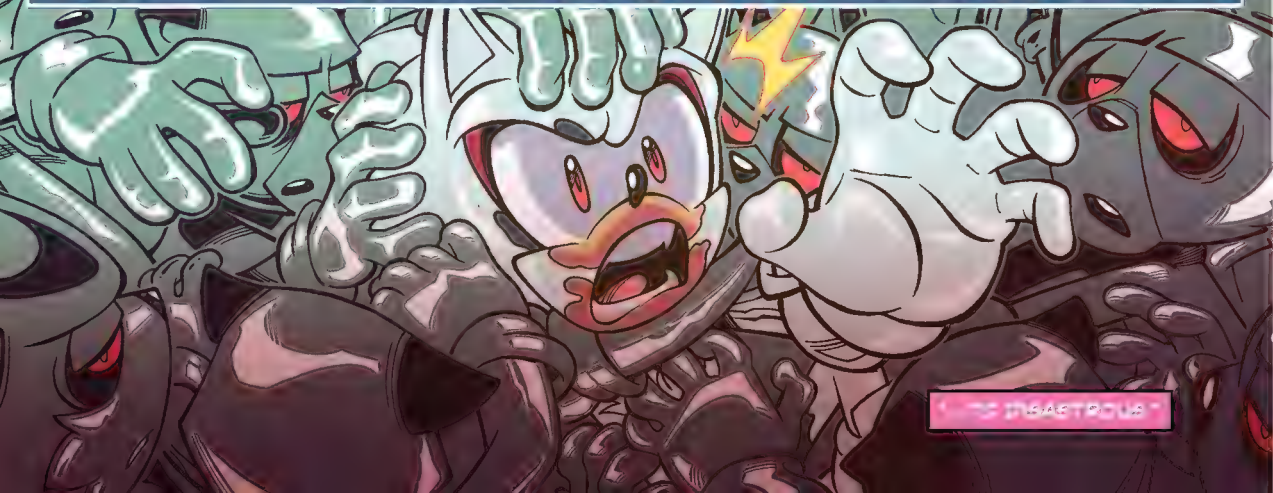
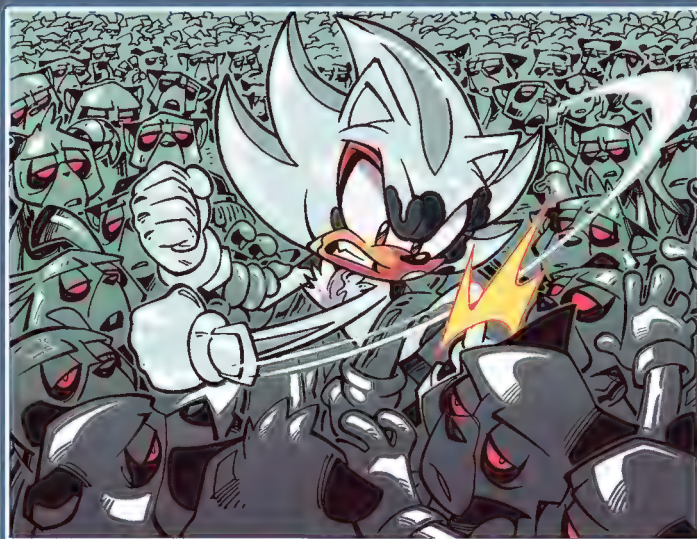
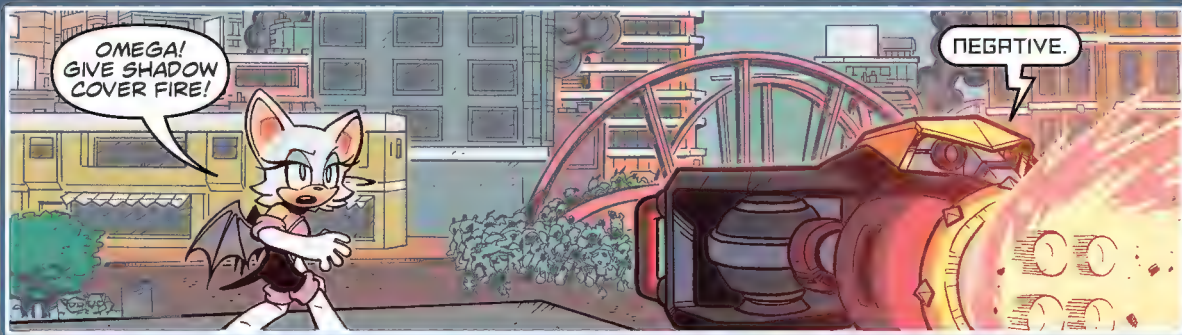




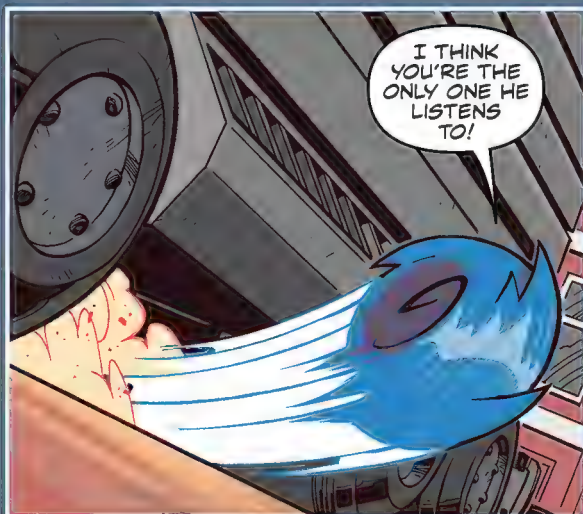
















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**SONIC &**  
**OMEGA VS.**  
**ZOMBOT**  
**SHADOW!**



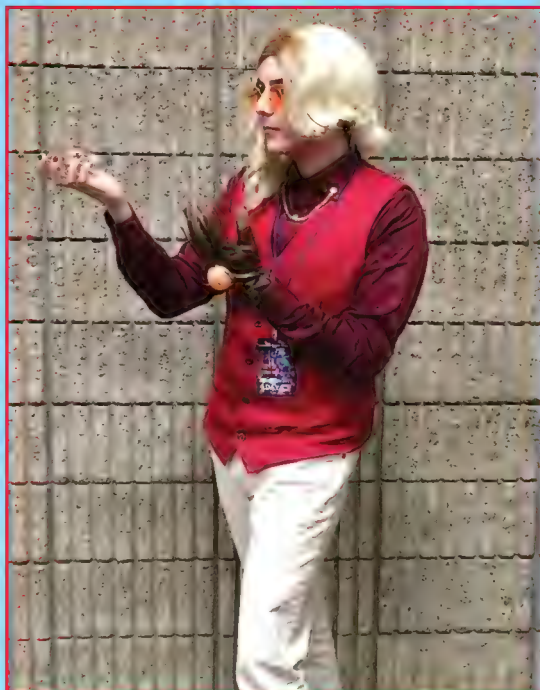


# SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Squad! Long-time no see, huh?! Glad to be back with this awesome issue, "Crisis City, Part 1", by our fantastic team of Ian Flynn, Jack Lawrence, Shawn Lee, and newcomer Bracardi Curry! As a special treat (and to catch up on our backlog), we're doing 3 pages of letters this month! So, check out some amazing art, cosplay, and letters from your fellow squaddies and don't forget to pick up Tangle & Whisper #1, also on sale this month! Now let's get to it!

Hi Eli,

It's amazing to see your Starline cosplay! That's excellent! We at IDW are always blown away by all the cool cosplay people do and even moreso when it's characters who originated in these comics! I don't think I've ever seen a more sinister platypus, so nicely done! As per a cover gallery style art book, a number of people have asked for that and if it continues to prove popular, it might be worth doing. If folks other than Eli would like to see that, let us know here in the letters column and on the Facebook group!



Cosplay by Eli D.



Art by Aaron Moss

Greetings IDW Sonic Team,

I've been a huge fan of Sonic in comics for years and I absolutely love the direction this series is going in; I can't wait to see what's in store for Team Sonic for the rest of year 2 and beyond! One of the things I love is all the new characters we've seen, such as Tangle, Whisper, and my favorite, Dr. Starline. After seeing some cosplay in prior issues, I just had to try doing one myself for a con; it was a blast! Better yet, I was able to meet (in cosplay!) some of the people involved with the series such as Adam Bryce Thomas, Tracy Yardley(!) and Gigi Dutreix. They are all amazing people, and you can see the love and care that they, as well as the rest of the staff, put into every single issue of Sonic. Keep up the great work you guys!

P.S. IDW has done cover galleries and art books before, so please consider doing one for Sonic; the covers are amazing!

-Eli D.

What's up everyone, I've been a huge Sonic fan since I was little. My very first Sonic game I ever played was Sonic Heroes and I loved it as a kid especially Seaside Hill. It was during elementary school that I really started to love Sonic after Sonic Generations. It was sort of an obsession but a very awesome one! Sonic is just so cool. Just that he's the type of person to never give up on situations, have good friends and relationships around him. Also love all the puns he does and how he always curves Amy. I'm so grateful for Sonic and for the huge memories he brings. I love that IDW rebooted the comics because I was sad the other comic series was over and I've enjoyed all the comics I've read. So glad to be a part of the Sonic community and fan base. Keep running Sonic and keep following that rainbow my dude!

Gabe "GP" Pizarro

Hi Gabe,

Glad to hear you're such a fan and that you're digging the comic so much! Your letter hits on some really important points about Sonic—he does never give up (even when infected with the Metal Virus) and he does have some great friends! It's always wonderful to hear that people find their place in the Sonic community—even like this letters page—and find themselves never giving up and making friends!



Hi there!!

Big fans! We've been playing Sonic games since we were very young, and the series has always been a tremendous part of our lives. When I first discovered the IDW comics, I was amazed by how much I fell in love. I caught up with all of them within one night. Thanks for continuing Sonic's story in such an awesome and true way. It's definitely a part of what helped to spark my love for Sonic again lately. Just wanted to share our cosplays that we did recently of our versions of Sonic and Tails. Thanks for being an incredible team. Really looking forward to all future issues and the continuation of the story.

-Carly (Sonic) and Natalie (Tails)

Hi Carly and Natalie,

Your cosplays are awesome! You make a great Sonic and Tails! We've said it before, but it's always nice to see how Sonic brings people together and creates friendships that last for years! Speaking of years, it's taken us over a year to make all those comics and you read them all in one night?! Well, I've heard of going fast, but that takes the cake. Guess we'll just have to keep making more until there're too many to read in one night, huh



Cosplay by Carly (left) and Natalie (right)

Hello amazing Sonic writers!

I've been reading the new comics, and want to say that I think they're a smashing success! Being a Sonic fan of about two years now, I was hyped to learn about these comics. I'm a fan of both the games and comics, and I certainly think that both are extremely good. Becoming a teenager never swayed my love for Sonic! As most people do, I definitely have a favorite character. Shadow's always going to be my favorite, as well as Rouge for a long time into the future! I hope to maybe someday be an artist for these comics, as I make a lot of Sonic art. I've included one of my pieces. That's about it for me! Good luck, and thank you so much for the speedy blue boy that makes my days a little brighter!

Hello Raegan,

Thanks for the kind words about the comic! I hope this issue with Shadow and Rouge made you extra happy! Well... I guess the ending's not great if Shadow's your favorite, huh? Pretty concerning to have him fall victim to the Metal Virus... But! Maybe it ends up being inspiration for some more awesome art like what you sent us! And, hey, guess we'll all find out more about what happens to Shadow and Rouge next issue!



Art by Raegan Browning



Art by Seth Glinsky





Hello to the Sonic Creative Team!!

Our names are Mia, Nala, and Ayahna. We are the 3 Little Chaos! We're sisters that can't get enough of Sonic and the Team and we'd love to ask you a "few" (a.k.a a lot of) questions!

- 1) Is the plant, in issue #7, Cosmos's seed from the Sonic X TV show? OR does it have something to do with the cure to the metal virus?
- 2) How old is Tangle and Whisper?
- 3) Will the new comic series of Tangle & Whisper tell more about Whispers's past?
- 4) Will Knuckles be coming back to the Restoration to help the fight against the metal virus?
- 5) Is Dr. Starline actually an "Admirer" of Dr. Eggman's work? OR is Dr. Starline using Eggman to fulfill his own evil agenda?
- 6) Will we see Rough & Tumble again? ('Cuz we wanna see their butts get kicked by Knuckles!)
- 7) Will we see more of Silver and Whisper working together?!
- 8) Will Blaze be returning?

Thank You!  
Best Regards,  
3 Little Chaos

Hi Mia, Nala, and Ayahna,

You weren't kidding! That is a lot of questions. Well... Let's see if we can't answer 'em all, huh? And all you other folks don't go sending us long emails with lists of questions, it's just because we haven't had a letters column in a couple of months and, well, there're three little chaos!

1. There is no plant in issue #7. But, the plant Silver saw in issue #8 sure seems like it has to do with the Metal Virus... 2 & 3. You're just going to have to read the Tangle & Whisper mini-series and grab the digital trading cards to find out!
4. Knuckles is back on Angel Island, but we might see him again soon...
5. Dr. Starline genuinely admires Dr. Eggman's work... but that doesn't mean he doesn't have his own plans.
6. They already got their butts kicked by Knuckles (and Sonic and Amy and Tails)! But if they show up again, considering they're infected with the Metal Virus, it'll be bad news!
7. Mmmmmaybe! But the Restoration's spread pretty thin trying to save people...
8. She's back home in her own dimension, but even if she came back, we're not sure she'd fair much better against the Metal Virus. Maybe it's better that she stays home until it's all sorted out.

Okay! Feeling more caught up on these letters (looks at the hundreds still in the inbox and sweats)! Anyway, that's it for this time! Don't forget to send your art and letters to [letters@idwpublishing.com](mailto:letters@idwpublishing.com), and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! We'll see you next issue when we return to Crisis City! Part Two!



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### TANGLE & WHISPER

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**TANGLE'S SEARCHING FOR ACTION...  
AND WHISPER'S GOT PLENTY TO SPARE!**

PEPPERS  
THE WILDLY POPULAR (AND COMPLETELY MISMATCHED) **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**  
CHARACTERS TEAM UP TO HUNT AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS ENEMY...

**SONIC HIMSELF!**



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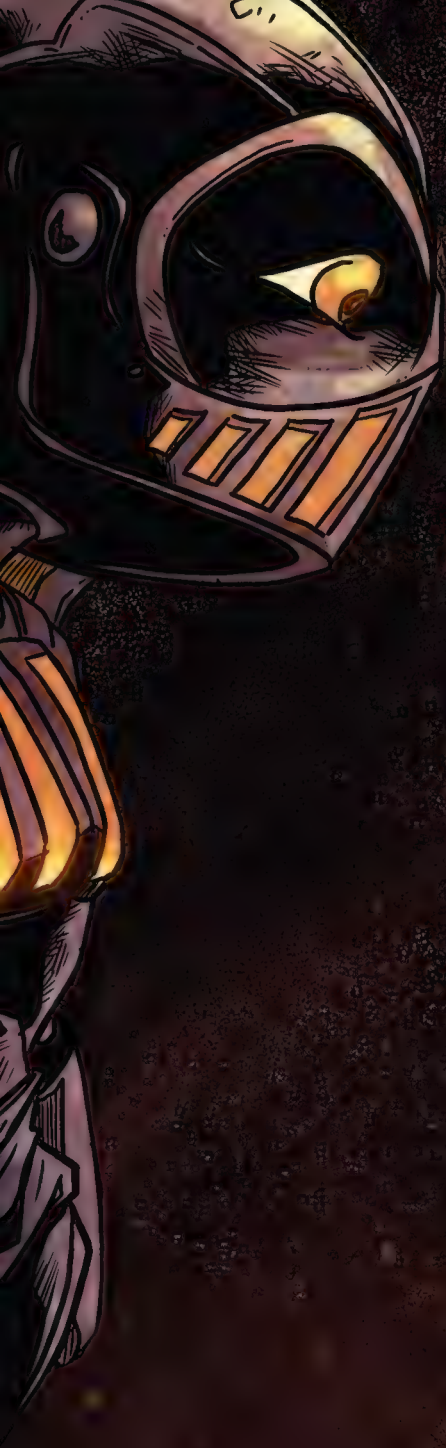


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"I shall take the heart," returned the Tin Woodman; "for brains do not make one happy, and happiness is the best thing in the world."

—L. Frank Baum,

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

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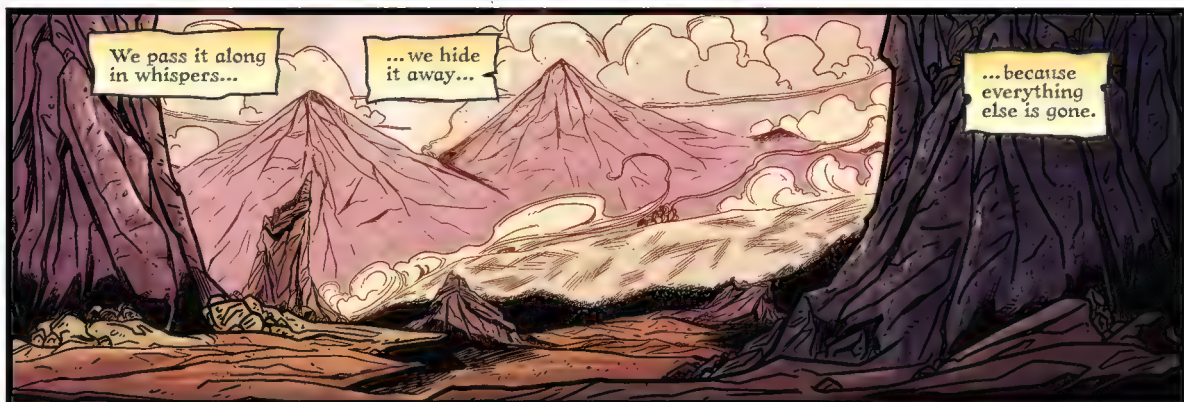


We've lost all  
our stories.

All but one.

No one knows  
where this  
story began...

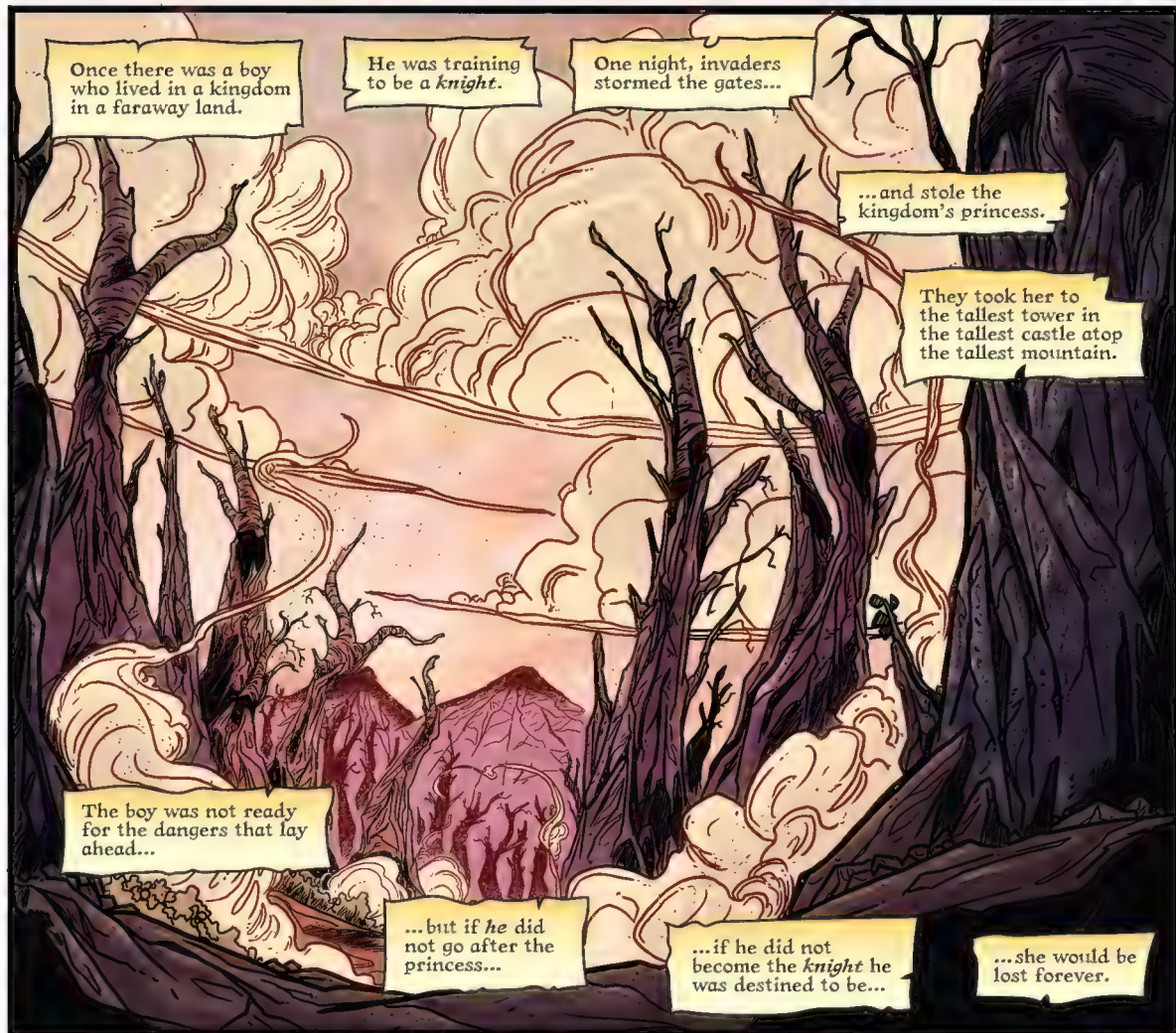
...or  
who told  
it first.



We pass it along  
in whispers...

...we hide  
it away...

...because  
everything  
else is gone.



Once there was a boy  
who lived in a kingdom  
in a faraway land.

He was training  
to be a *knight*.

One night, invaders  
stormed the gates...

...and stole the  
kingdom's princess.

They took her to  
the tallest tower in  
the tallest castle atop  
the tallest mountain.


The boy was not ready  
for the dangers that lay  
ahead...

...but if he did  
not go after the  
princess...

...if he did not  
become the *knight* he  
was destined to be...

...she would be  
lost forever.





On his quest, the knight  
battled hordes of beasts  
and enemies. He faced  
countless horrors.

When he arrived  
at the mountain,  
he looked up at  
its steep face...

...and he  
climbed.

He arrived atop the  
tallest tower in the  
tallest castle...

...and he faced  
the evil sorcerer  
who had taken  
the princess.

The battle was long, and  
the knight was bruised  
and bloodied. When he  
believed he could fight  
no more...

...he  
vanquished  
his foe.



The knight returned home, and the townsfolk called him a hero.

The princess asked him to rule the kingdom by her side.

CHIP



The knight did not see himself a hero. Or a prince.

He saw only a boy who had succeeded in his quest.

LITTLE SLAVE...

...GET BACK TO WORK.



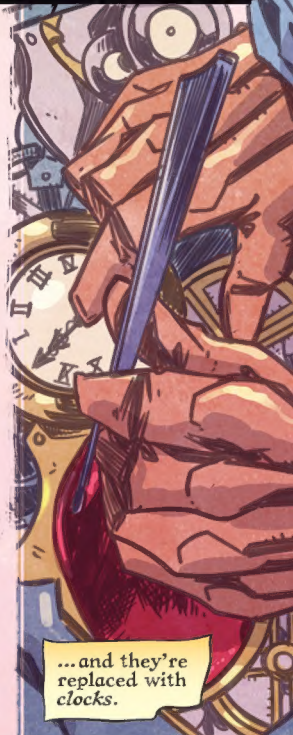
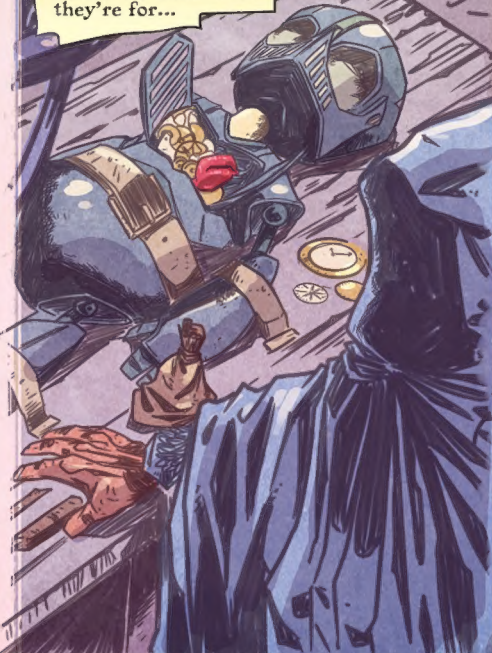
WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH WAH

This is Arcana.



The only place any of us has ever known.

Our hearts are taken before we know what they're for...



...and they're replaced with clocks.



We spend our time feeding the fires that burn under Arcana for reasons we have never been told...

...until our clocks stop.



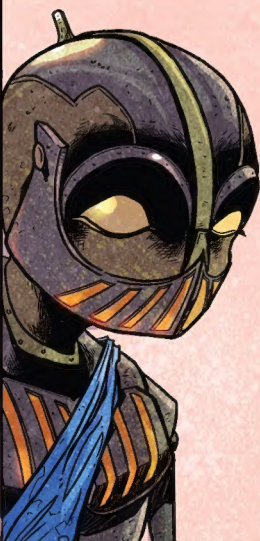
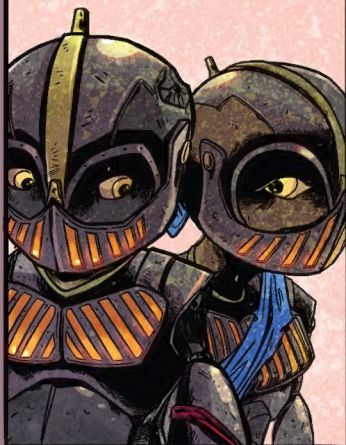
They've forbidden  
us to have  
names...



...forbidden  
us to care for  
one another...



...forbidden  
us to feel love.



But I care  
for others...



...I feel love...



...I have a name.





20  
YEARS OF  
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# CANTO



**TO BE CONTINUED IN...**

**CANTO #1**

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